



**KENNETT TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 9

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE KENNETT TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors of Kennett Township established the Kennett Township Historical Commission in June of 1998 by adopting Ordinance 118, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors understands that Kennett Township's history and development are identified through broad themes, which illustrate significant historical events; and that historic resources are a testimony to these themes and events; defined as sites, structures, buildings, objects, and districts possessing a measure of integrity which makes them worthy of protection and preservation; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Kennett Township desires to maintain a Historical Commission equipped to conduct historic research and to identify, document, record and preserve for posterity significant architectural, natural, and other historic resources within the boundaries of Kennett Township and surrounding communities; provide for the appointment of members of the commission; and establish the organization and responsibilities of the commission; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors wishes to provide an adequate scope of responsibilities for said commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Kennett Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania as follows:

Section 1. Creation

There is hereby established an entity to be known as the Kennett Township Historical Commission.

Section 2. Responsibilities

The Commission shall serve in an advisory capacity for historic preservation and information facilitation. To accomplish this purpose, the Commission shall:

- a. Identify, document and interpret significant historic resources and view-sheds in Kennett Township and maintain a detailed inventory and map(s) of these historic resources including information and designation data;
- b. research and record the history of what is today Kennett Township to create an awareness of that history, including cultural, agricultural, business, educational, and religious historic themes;
- c. serve as an informational resource for owners of historic assets;
- d. recommend and prepare appropriate reports for the Board of Supervisors, as well as those which may be requested by the Board of Supervisors;
- e. cooperate with and advise the Board of Supervisors, the Township Planning Commission, and all Township officials and agencies in relation to the preservation and restoration of designated historical resources including the review of zoning and/or subdivision/land development proposals and building/demolition permit applications which have the potential to impact on historical resources as stipulated in Article XVI of the Historical Resource Standards of the Kennett Township Zoning Code;
- f. with the approval of the Board of Supervisors, apply for technical and financial assistance from all appropriate local, county, state, federal, and other agencies in the preservation of historic resources within Kennett Township and surrounding communities, and to report all related action to the Board of Supervisors; prepare and submit requests to the Board of Supervisors for sums deemed necessary to carry out objectives;
- g. develop and present annual educational programs to raise awareness, understanding, and support of Kennett's history and historic assets;
- h. perform other related duties as may be delegated by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 3. Membership

The Historical Commission shall:

- a. consist of a minimum of five (5) members and up to, but not exceeding, nine (9) members, a majority of whom must be residents of Kennett Township;
- b. be appointed by the Board of Supervisors;
- c. serve a term of office for five (5) years except as initially established by motion of the Board of Supervisors.
- d. serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses necessary to conduct the responsibility of the Commission when authorized by the Board of Supervisors;
- e. elect annually a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and other officers as deemed necessary by the Commission.

A vacancy on the Commission shall be filled by an individual appointed by the Board of Supervisors for the expired term. The Commission shall have the right to make recommendations for appointees to the Board of Supervisors for unfulfilled terms and for full terms. The Commission shall have the right to establish appropriate committees to assist with research, to lend expertise, and to perform other duties as assigned by the Commission.

Section 4. Meetings

Monthly meetings, periodic executive sessions and work sessions shall be held to conduct the business of the Commission. The Commission shall keep records of its meetings and activities, submitting periodic reports to the Board of Supervisors.

Section 5. Assistance and Budget

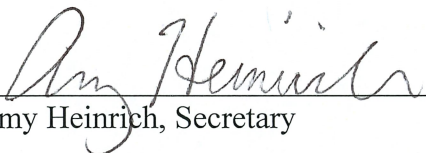
In order to carry out its responsibilities, the Historical Commission may, with the consent of the Board of Supervisors, utilize any funds, personnel, or other assistance made available by the County, the Commonwealth, or the Federal government, or any of their agencies, or from private sources. The Board of Supervisors may enter into agreements or contracts regarding the acceptance or utilization of the funds or assistance in accordance with Township procedures.

Section 6. Conflicts

All references to Ordinance 118 or parts thereof will herein be replaced by this Resolution.


ADOPTED and RESOLVED this 3rd day of April, 2024.

ATTEST:



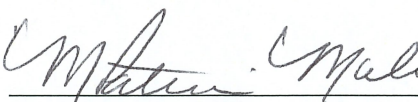
Amy Heinrich, Secretary

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